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MULTIPLEX GENOTYPING USING SOLID PHASE CAPTURABLE DIDEOXYNUCLEOTIDES AND MASS SPECTROMETRY For •

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

This Preliminary Amendment is being submitted in connection with the above-identified application. The above-identified national stage application claims priority of U.S. Application Serial No. 10/194,882, filed July 12, 2002. Accordingly, the thirty month date from the priority date is January 12, 2005. Accordingly, this Preliminary Amendment is being timely filed.

Please amend the subject application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 3 of this paper.